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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Cities of the West.

The following illustrates what might be accomplished in the great cities of the West, if the Board had now the means to encourage such enterprises. While it is true that the great, perhaps primary intention of the Church in erecting this Board was to aid the feeble of Christ's flock—the rural and out-lying districts of missionary efforts, yet most surely should the Board be permitted to seek, occupy, and build up in the cities of the West churches soon to be points of influence and sources of aid. We say *the West*, for while similar reasoning might be supposed to apply to the East, we must remember that the analogy fails, because the peculiarities of western growth, its amazing rapidity, and its commingled, heterogeneous populations are so vastly different. We know not a city of any magnitude East which could not by judicious arrangements—say the Glasgow measures of the Free Church—increase and multiply the self-sustaining and vigorous churches in the most uncultivated and repulsive portions of a degraded population. We have now points of great interest in other cities, just as promising as the case below, from which we sadly turn for want of means; we dare not attempt, lest plunging the Board into debt, the Church should frown upon us; and while it is easy to say the debt would appeal successfully to the Church and find relief, we cannot feel that we can promise any further than the Church by her acts bids us promise.

Essential to success, provided we had the means, are the *men*. Few men have the endowments, we mean not talents but aptitude for the work, the earnest fervour, the tact, the continued self-denial, the hopes against hope, which so many of the western efforts demand. But with the means and men, our Church would soon stand prominent in those marvellous cities of the West; those sudden growths where speculation fails, and fact is mightier than fiction. Would that our Church would realize her privilege and accomplish her duties.

Rev. T. L. JANEWAY, D.D.,

CARR PLACE CHURCH STUDY, ST. LOUIS, December 17, 1867.

Dear Brother,—In the good providence of God I am now come to the *last report* which, as a missionary in this field, I expect to be required to present.

By my own request, my people concurring, the appropriation to us so kindly granted for the last eighteen months will be withdrawn January 1st, 1868.

It will be with no little sacrifice on the part of all of us that we shall be able to maintain our position as a self-sustaining church; and yet, hard as the trial will be, we have entered on it with good hearts and good hope of success. Were the funds of the Church's Board abundant, I might feel it my duty to withhold this burden from my already greatly taxed and feeble little flock, but in our present straits I feel that it is simply duty to relieve you of this much, whatever it may cost us, in order that others, yet more needy than we, may not be deprived of their already insufficient help.

It will be proper at this time to submit a brief review of our progress since coming under the care of your Board. Eighteen months ago we were a little band of poor people, worshipping in a third story hall, over a German beer saloon. We had no formal organization, no means among us, nothing but *faith!* The expenses of the enterprise, both of Sunday-school and preaching service, I had myself assumed, and without any salary, and without any money, I had upheld the banner of the cross in this destitute part of the city for over a year, the Lord always providing friends and funds. Our Sunday-school had grown from sixty to near three hundred; our preaching services, from a mere handful to congregations of from seventy-five to one hundred and twenty-five. At this time we came under your care, and were organized shortly afterward into a Presbyterian church with a membership of about thirty.

We needed a *house*—how should we get it? We scarcely knew how to answer that question, and yet we went forward trusting in Him whose is the earth and the fulness thereof. Last May, (1867,) the work began; on the second Sabbath of August our plain but beautiful chapel was solemnly dedicated to Almighty God. Through the kind help of friends in the East, and chiefly through the efficient sympathy of Dr. Nicolls of the Second Church of this city, and the liberality of his people, we have paid upon our lot two thousand dollars, and upon our building over nine thousand dollars. There still remains a few hundred dollars to pay upon the church, and any one who may wish to help our sorely struggling people to *clear* off that remnant, will not be denied the opportunity to aid us. We have built upon the rear of our lot a chapel forty by seventy-five feet, leaving us still one hundred and two by seventy-five feet for a *church* when God shall prosper us. The neighbourhood in which we have planted ourselves is rapidly improving, and filling up, and our property has already greatly appreciated. The payments on what remains are tolerably easy, and we hope year by year to cut down the amount due until free from every debt.

Since removing to our chapel, the congregations have much increased; the attendance is good, growing; and the word seems to be reaching the hearts of the hearers. Within the last two months thirty persons, nearly all heads of families, or young, active people, have been received to the church. At the present there is a deep interest in religion; a number of inquirers, and some who within the past two weeks have been led to a comfortable hope in Jesus Christ.

The interest in our Sabbath-school is unabated, and from one Bible class, numbering over thirty young ladies, *five* have recently been brought into the church, and several more are just ready for that step.

We have an active *Young People's Association* organized and officered for missionary work. We have laid off one large district, and solemnly undertaken to lay the *gospel invitation* before every child and adult of its teeming population, by private visitation and solicitation.

We have a *Night Mission*, combining devotional and hortatory exercises, with instruction in singing. We call it our *singing service*, and find that we reach a great many young people by it.

The first service is on *Monday* night, the second on *Friday* night, we have also a *Wednesday* lecture, and a Saturday night *Normal Class* for training teachers. So you see our hands are full of work, and we mean to fight the devil on his own ground, and *outside* of our own walls, though never, I trust, outside of our blessed "STRONGHOLD."

I believe that these means, with the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon them, will prove successful in making us in a few years—I have almost faith to write *months*—a strong and permanently established church. May the Lord grant it in his own good time.

I have been thus particular, perhaps prosy, because I have felt it due to you, and to any future efforts of like kind in our large cities of the West, to give details. I know your heart will be cheered, and I trust it will appear that the unusual outlay which such work requires, may in the end be the very best of investments.

With many thanks, both on behalf of myself and my flock, for the uniform Christian kindness which has characterized the dealings of the Board and its officers with us, and with hearty personal expressions of good will and good wishes for yourself,

I am yours in Jesus,

HENRY C. MCCOOK.

An excellent member of the Baptist church, Boston, when twenty-three years old, subscribed the following covenant, which he faithfully observed :

1. By the grace of God, I will never be worth more than \$50,000.
2. By the grace of God, I will give one-fourth of my net profits to charitable and religious uses.
3. If ever worth \$20,000, I will give one-half of my net profits ; if \$30,000, three-fourths ; and all after \$50,000, so help me God ; or give it to a more faithful steward and set me aside.

N. R. COBB.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN JANUARY, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Albany 1st ch 407 57; Hamilton Union ch 15; West Galway ch 22; New Scotland ch 23 10; Carlisle ch 19; Esperance ch 10; 3d ch Albany 131; 1st ch Little Falls 38 60. *Pby of Mohawk*—Oswego 1st ch 204 50, of which 20 from the Sab-sch 861 77

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Slate Lick ch 23; Leesburg ch 12; Middlesex ch 14; Clintonville ch 5. *Pby of Allegheny City*—North ch Allegheny City 194 07; Bridgewater ch 38 40; 1st ch, Allegheny City 160 91. *Pby of Beaver*—New Salem ch 13 23. *Pby of Erie*—Park ch Sab-sch Erie 50; Meadville ch 60; Fairfield ch 12; Petroleum Centre ch 26 50 609 11

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Taneytown ch 15; Broadway ch Sab-sch. Baltimore 17 03; Westminster ch, Baltimore from Henry D Harvey and family for Nebraska 170. *Pby of Carlisle*—Upper Path Valley ch 58 20; Newport ch 28; Great Conewago ch 19; St Thomas and Rocky Spring ch 30, of which 10 from estate of Matthew Patton, dec'd; Chambersburg ch 141 59. *Pby of Potomac*—Capitol Hill ch, Washington 150; Darnestown ch 17 02, of wh Youths' missy's Socy's 8 40 645 84

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Central ch Genesee 25; Moscow ch 7; Bath ch 14. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Rossie ch 7 65. *Pby of Rochester City*—Seneca ch 30 20 83 85

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Arlington ch 10; Princeton ch 19 15. *Pby of Chicago*—Rev Robert Rudd 5; Manteno ch 20. *Pby of Rock River*—Foreston Ger ch 12. *Pby of Schuyler*—Doddsville ch 5; Bardolph ch 8 79 15

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Bloomington ch 72 28; Union ch 7 50; North Fork ch 15 38; Greenfield ch 14; Red Oak ch 10; Concord ch 7. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Monroe ch 8 75; Pleasant Ridge ch 41 25; Springdale ch 43 30; Loveland ch 33; Goshen ch 19 20. *Pby of Miami*—Franklin ch 23 70; 1st and 3d chs Dayton 118 70; 1st ch Springfield 110; 2d ch Springfield 87 85. *Pby of Oxford*—Seven Mile ch 15 33; New Paris ch 7; Hamilton ch. bal 4. *Pby of Sidney*—First ch Sidney 34 25; Piqua ch 100; West Liberty ch 26 31; Synodical Collection 79 63 878 43

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Waynesville ch 6 75; Galloway ch 15; Gilman ch 8. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Litchfield ch 20; Stanton ch 7 55; Elm Point ch 8. *Pby of Palestine*—Areola ch 19,

of which Rev E Howell 7. *Pby of Peoria*—Limestone ch 3; Princeville ch 22 35; Delavan ch 36. *Pby of Saline*—Olney ch 3 86; Pisgah ch 7. *Pby of Sangamon*—Springfield 1st ch 139 93; North Sangamon ch 26 322 44

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Acton ch 5. *Pby of Madison*—Jefferson ch 3 10; Hope-well ch 3; Rev J M McRee 2; Lexington ch 10 85. *Pby of New Albany*—Bedford ch 19; Ger ch Jackson co 5. *Pby of Vincennes*—Evansville 1st ch 25 85 73 80

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Mechanicsville ch 8 90; Davenport ch 78 20. *Pby of Dubuque*—Peosta ch 4 50; Epworth ch 3 50; Independence ch 12; Farley ch 2. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Algona ch 2. *Pby of Vinton*—Malaka ch 4 50 115 69

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Highland*—Salem ch 2 50; Atchison ch 22. *Pby of Leavenworth*—Le-compton ch 10; Perryville ch 18 80; Quindaro col'd ch 3. *Pby of Topeka*—Iola ch 8 70; Carlyle ch 8 73 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Louisville*—Louisville 4th ch, from a member 5 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Sugar Creek ch 10. *Pby of St Louis*—Union ch 13 50. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Union ch 10 40; Mirabile ch 5; Hamilton ch 14 45 53 35

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Coluinbus ch Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Elizabethtown 1st ch, add'l 60. *Pby of Luzerne*—Summit Hill ch, from P 25, from Mrs Jane McLean 5, = 30; Scranton 1st ch 260; Tunkhannock ch 17; Scranton Ger ch 5; Pittston ch 100; Newton ch 8. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Trenton 4th ch 200, of wh 139 from E B Fuller and wife; Bound Brook ch 55, of wh a widow's mite 5; Ewing ch 47. *Pby of Newton*—Harmony ch 27 25; Stroudsburg ch 17; Belvidere ch 130; Blairstown ch 60; Hackettstown ch 315. *Pby of Passaic*—Elizabeth 2d ch, add'l 120; Chatham Village ch 75. *Pby of Ravitan*—Kingwood ch 23 31; Amwell 1st ch 25 69; Clinton ch 91 76, of which Ladies' Sewing Circle 60, Sab-sch 10 04. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Barclay ch 11 81; Wyalusing ch 25; Orwell ch 12 05. *Pby of West Jersey*—Woodstown ch 15 50; Landingville ch 50; Greenwich ch 72 40; May's Cedar ch 4 65; Tuckahoe ch 2 27, of wh Sab-sch 1 27 1863 69

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—South East Centre ch 20 44. *Pby of Hudson*—Jefferson-

ville Ger ch 5; Goshen ch 61 35. *Pby of Long Island*—Second ch Huntington 38; Sweet Hollow ch 6 30. *Pby of New York*—First ch New York 2225 90; Rutgers St ch 225; Alexander ch 6 70; Fifth Avenue and Nineteenth Street ch 50. *Pby of New York 2d*—Delhi ch 40; Scotch ch New York 199; Westminster ch, Yonkers 31 75; Canal Street ch, New York 10 80; West Farms ch 12 86. *Pby of North River*—Kingston 1st ch 20; New Hamburg ch 10 94 2964 04

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Crawfordsville ch 15 70. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—La Grange ch 30; Eel River ch 7; Ligonier ch 12; Roanoke ch 3 50; Fort Wayne 1st ch 77; Pierceton ch 8 50. *Pby of Lake*—Crown Point ch 26 75. *Pby of Logansport*—Rock Creek ch 6; Sugar Creek ch 10; Bensalem ch 2 193 45

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—London ch 7. *Pby of Hocking*—Decatur ch 3 40; Barlow ch 4 70. *Pby of Marion*—Iberia ch 12 78. *Pby of Wooster*—First ch, Canal Fulton 9; Berlin ch 6; Fredericksburg ch 5; Apple Creek ch 12. *Pby of Zanesville*—Salt Creek ch 16; Buffalo ch 23 38 99 26

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of California*—Larkin St ch, San Francisco 20. *Pby of Stockton*—Yreka ch 20 40 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Piqua ch 62; Wrightsville ch Sab-sch 31 25. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Bellefonte ch 57 08; Perryville ch 98; Spruce Creek ch, add'l from D Stewart, Esq, 250; Mifflintown and Lost Creek chs 118 80; Altoona ch 77 70; Shirleysburg and Mt Union chs 20. *Pby of New Castle*—Newark 1st ch, Del, 11; Forks of Brandywine ch 41 65; Lower Brandywine ch 16 70. *Pby of Northumberland*—Washingtonville ch 16 75; Renovo ch Sab-sch 31 50; Milton ch 136 15. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Spring Garden ch Sab-sch 51, "W R G" 20, = 71; Hestonville ch 10; West Arch St ch 66 63; Princeton ch, from Mrs Marshall 5; 2d ch Phila, 200, from a member, of wh 100 for California. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Providence ch 14; Norristown 1st ch Sab-sch 73 13; Germantown 2d ch 85 20; Easton 1st ch 100; Slatington ch 25; Doylestown ch, add'l 27 1650 54

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Beulah ch 42 50. *Pby of Clarion*—Brookville ch 14 50; Mt Pleasant ch 5; Mt Tabor ch 9; Oak Grove ch 3 25; Bethesda ch, add'l 50 cts. *Pby of Ohio*—East Liberty ch Sab-sch 167 81; 6th ch, Pittsburg 256 30; East Liberty ch 328 14; Valley ch 17 75; Raccoon ch 75; 4th ch Pittsburgh 70. *Pby of Redstone*—Dunlap's Creek and New Salem chs 28; McClellandtown ch 40 03, of wh bequest of Mrs Elizabeth Wilson, dec'd 29 50; Rehoboth ch 66 65, of wh Sab-sch 70 cts; George's Creek ch 8; Mt Pleasant ch 47 59; Spring Hill Furnace ch 3 71. *Pby of Saltsburg*—"E W" 500; Saltsburg ch 59 78; Mechanicsburg ch 9 48; East Union ch 7 80 1760 19

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Galesville ch 10. *Pby of St Paul*—Forest ch 22; Dundas ch 10 50. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Fremont ch 34; St Charles ch 6; Owatonna ch 13 95 50

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Shanesville ch 7 50; Delphos ch 5; Harrison ch 4 85; Blue Earth ch 4 80; Pleasantville ch 9; Blanchard ch 5 50. *Pby of Michigan*—South Lyon ch 20; Plymouth 2d ch 11 67 65

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Chariton ch 8 20; Columbia ch 2 50; Corydon ch 2. *Pby of Fairfield*—Liberty ch 5; Lafayette ch 8; Troy ch 5 75; Crawfordville ch, from Mrs Wm Brown 10; Darkeville ch 75 cts. *Pby of Iowa*—Unity ch 5 80; Ononwa ch 5 53 00

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Pleasant Valley ch 20; Canfield ch 35. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Concord ch 16 20; Bethel ch 5; Bealsville ch 14; Powhattan ch 6 75; Morristoryn ch 12 23. *Pby of Steubenville*—Feed Spring ch 6; Bloomfield ch 11. *Pby of Washington*—Fairview ch, add'l 23 81; West Liberty ch 42; Frankfort ch 10; Unity ch 6 207 99

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Hurricane Corners Ger ch 1 50; Rockville Ger ch 2 50. *Pby*

of Milwaukee—Holland ch 3; Richland Ger ch 6
Pby of Winnebago—Plover 1st ch 6 19 00

Total receipts from churches, \$12,822 65

MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev W J McCord, Wassaic, New York 2 50; Mrs Austin Rogers, Cape Vincent, New York 2; "D M L" 25; "Friends in Illinois" 100; "A B" 20; Family of Rev "D M," Kibbourn City, Wis 3; Rev John E King, Vinton, Iowa 5; Cash 50; "A friend," Washington, Pa 2; Dr Gayley, Phila 5; Mrs Jane R Wilson, Shippensburg, Pa 10; Jacob Sutphen 5; "M E D" 5; "J N D" 1; Rev Thaddeus McRae, Austin, Texas 25; F Dunleavy Long, A M, Jersey Shore, Pa 10; "W J" 100; Miss Mary H S 5; Rev C S Martindale and wife, Zanesville, O 10; "The treasure of little Robert Taylor, a Sunday-school boy who has gone to his rest" 4 15; Miss M H Foley, Kittanning, Pa 15 95; Mr Slaymaker, Phila. 5; "D," interior of Pa 5; "A B K" 10; Mrs Foster, Greensburg, Pa 13 91; Rev Wm Annan, Allegheny City, Pa 5 444 51

LEGACIES.—Bequest of Susan McMans, dec'd, late of Hamilton, Ohio 327 14; Legacy of David Hodge, dec'd, late of Steubenville, Ohio 823 36; Bal of legacy of James H Will, dec'd, Ohio 201 71; Legacy of David Negley, dec'd, late of Allegheny County, Pa 250, less tax 26 88, = 223 12; Legacy of Cornelius S Torbert, dec'd, late of Newtown, Bucks Co, Pa 500, less taxes 55, = 445 2020 33

Total Receipts in January, \$15,287 49

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

2 boxes from ladies of 1st ch, Allegheny, Pa, valued at \$512 33
1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Easton, Pa, valued at 332 66
1 box from ladies of Wilkesbarre ch, Pa, valued at 201 72
6 boxes from ladies of Central ch, Philadelphia, valued at 1259 72
1 package from "M," Liberty, value not given.
1 box from ladies of Allegheny ch, Pa, valued at 200 00
1 box from ladies of Throop Ave ch, Brooklyn, N Y, value not given.
2 boxes from ladies of West Spruce Street ch, Phila, valued at 671 59
1 box from ladies of Union ch, Pa, valued at 96 00
1 box from Mrs S E Schuyler, N J, value not given.
1 box from ladies of Milton ch, Pa, valued at 145 00
1 box from ladies of Williamsport ch, Penn, valued at 180 00
1 box from ladies of Tenafly ch, N J, valued at 150 00
1 box from ladies of St Peters ch, Rochester, valued at 75 00
1 package from Mrs A C Kerr, Delaware, value not given.
1 package from ladies of 1st ch, Allegheny City, Pa, value not given.
1 box from ladies of Flemington ch, N J, value not given.
1 box from ladies of Meadville ch, Pa, valued at 170 00
1 box from the little girls' missionary Society of 2d ch, Vincennes, value not given.

Total, \$3,994 02

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.
Corresponding Secretary—REV. T. L. JANEWAY, D.D.
Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL.

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWEL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees; and said to his servant, Go up now, and look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again, seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time that he said, Behold there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.—1. Kings xviii. 42-45.

Resolution of the General Assembly of 1867.

“That the Day of Prayer for colleges, schools, and the youth of the Church, on *THE LAST THURSDAY OF FEBRUARY, [the 27th,]* be observed, so far as possible, in all our churches; and that *THE FIRST SABBATH OF MARCH, [the 1st,]* immediately following, be improved by such instruction from the pulpit as may awaken in parents a deep concern for the salvation of their children, and may lead the children and youth to consecrate themselves to Christ; also, that appeals be made at the same time for enlarged contributions to the Ministerial Fund of the Board.”

Our Extra Space in this Number of the Record.

We occupy twelve pages, instead of four, in the RECORD of this month, for the sake of suggesting more fully thoughts and facts suitable for consideration upon the Sabbath devoted to this Board, and upon the Day of Prayer for Schools. We trust that they will prove seasonable and useful to pastors and people, to teachers and scholars; that they will aid in directing the instructions, and guiding the prayers of those days. There will also be sent out by mail in time for use to pastors especially, printed statements suitable to be presented at their meetings.

The Two Departments of the Board of Education.

The operations of the Board are conducted under two entirely distinct departments. They were organized at different times; their records are kept separately; their treasuries are distinct, and money cannot be appropriated from either one to carry on the work of the other; and the collections for them are taken up in the churches on different days.

The FIRST is the MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT. It was organized as the “Board of Education” in 1819, for the purpose of combining the intelligence, and concentrating the efforts of the Presbyterian Church, in the great work of *training young men for the ministry of the gospel*. It was instructed to concert and execute measures proper for obtaining funds, and for promoting the general object. Into its treasury flow all the ordinary collections of the churches, whether taken up on the Sabbath appointed by the General Assembly for collections in its behalf, the *First Sabbath of March*, or at other times, unless they be expressly sent to the other fund.

The SECOND is the SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, OR DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL EDUCATION.

It was added to the Board in 1847. Its object is to secure the establishment of parochial and presbyterial schools, in which, together with the usual branches of secular learning, the truths and duties of our holy religion shall be assiduously inculcated. Its appropriations are applied to the *support of teachers*. The time appointed by the Assembly for its annual collection is the Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges, the *Last Thursday of February*. Special donations are sent to it at other times through the year, from those whose intelligence, and wisdom, and love for the cause, stir them to aid the important class of institutions referred to.

Subjects for Prayer on the Last Thursday of February.

As we approach this day what a crowd of interesting associations gather round it! How many important subjects thrust themselves before the mind and heart!

Half a century ago the same piety which found expression in so many of our national religious societies, the Bible, Tract, and others, inspired a very deep interest in the conversion to God of the educated youth of the land, and in the institutions of learning. Of what use it was reasoned, were all the instruments in the world without the workmen to handle them? At first, Christians prayed specially for labourers to go into the world's wide harvest, upon the morning of each Sabbath. But in 1823, it is said, first, "the last Thursday of February" was held as a day of fasting and prayer for the outpouring of God's Spirit on the youth in schools. Powerful revivals of religion have marked its history from that time down even until the present, in every part of the land.

To give direction to the supplications of the day, it may be well to observe that, as the great end is to obtain the Divine blessing upon efforts to raise up a large increase of devoted preachers of the gospel, for the conversion of the world,

I. THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH should be specially brought before God in prayer.

These of all earthly objects are *the nearest, the dearest, the most important to us*. To us they owe their being. They receive from us the impress which is to make them happy or miserable, and either useful or injurious to others. They are to be the heirs of our property, and the guardians of our reputation. None will so pierce us with reproaches in hell if we and they are lost, none will so bless us in heaven if we and they are saved. Let us pray, pray anxiously, for our own children.

These are *dearest to God*. They are the heirs of the blessings rolled up from age to age in answer to the prayers of innumerable saints. They have been solemnly given to Him in covenant, as their Father, their Redeemer, their Sanctifier, in the sacrament of baptism. They are the most innocent and lovely in His eyes of the inhabitants of earth, the objects of His most affectionate promises, and the patterns Jesus held up of the spirit of the kingdom of heaven. Let us pray in faith for those whom God is so ready to bless.

These are "*the holy seed*" which is the hope of the world. Children converted young are the richest and most honoured heirs of grace through life. Upon the youthful seed of the woman fall the sorest inflictions of the curse; the little child shall lead the regenerated wolves and leopards and lions of human nature to Him who is of the stem of Jesse. And the converted youth of the church are to be the dew of the coming millennial morning which shall revive the dead world, and make its wildernesses rejoice and blossom. Let us pray for the consecrated sons and daughters of the church, that they may be filled with the Spirit of the Lord, and stand with Jesus for an ensign of the people.

II. We should plead for GOD'S BLESSING UPON ALL OUR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Christian schools can only accomplish their great ends when the Holy Spirit comes and enlightens the understanding, and warms the heart, of both teachers and scholars.

The *common school system* shall send forth a generation of half-instructed, sensual, worldly, self-conceited men and women, who will hate the Bible, hate restraint, hate gospel truth, hate Jesus Christ, if we do not pray for God's grace upon all its operations, and watch and labour to shape them aright.

Our ministry shall preach Christless sermons, and wander as shepherds, leading their flocks fatally astray; our physicians shall bear the ancient opprobrium of their art, its tendency to godlessness; our lawyers shall prostitute our Sabbath and marriage laws, and remove the landmarks which show the Lord's right to our nation's honour and obedience; our men of science shall be utterly corrupted by foreign skepticism; our educated merchants, and engineers, and agriculturists, shall fill all our employments and families with unbelief and sin;—unless we pray for our *seminaries, colleges, academies, advanced schools*, their preceptors, and their pupils.

The *mission schools* of our own and other churches *among foreign populations* should be borne upon our hearts to the mercy-seat. Millions of coming immigrants are to be redeemed through their expanding influence. Numerous preachers of Christ to this and distant countries are to be taught in them the way of life.

It is a perilous portion of human life. The circumstances of young persons at school are peculiarly perilous to many.

What fervent prayer should be sent up to God that these fountains may not be a Marah, most bitter and poisonous to the people, but that He will mercifully grant power of healing to the leaves of the tree of life which we cast in, so that the waters shall be made sweet.

III. Nor can we rest until we cry mightily to God to give direction to all THE INTELLECTUAL AGENCIES THAT MOULD THE RISING GENERATION OF THE WORLD. The reports of missionary presbyteries in distant lands contain injunctions, which deeply touch our hearts, that their members and schools shall remember the Day of Prayer for Schools and Youth. They are praying in Siam, and China, and India, and Africa, and South America, importunately, at the same time with us. They beseech for our schools and children, since to them they chiefly look for helpers in their great work. But, far more, they have many lovely young persons under their care, for whom their souls go out with tenderest yearnings and cries to God, that He would save them and make them burning and shining lights amidst that general sepulchral gloom. And, again, Christians are terribly mistaken who think Satan is not far more busy than we. There are countless schools in the world which teach paganism, and the Koran, and the worship of Romanist and other saints, and fatal error in ten thousand forms. For these too we must pray—for mission schools, heathen schools, and anti-christian schools. Now they make the world barren and fill it with death. May the God of Elisha enable us to cast into these fountains a salt, and of His mercy say, I have healed these waters, there shall not be thence any more death or barren land. Elisha's God *can* do it; yea, and *will* do it, if we pray with the faith of men who were of like passions and weaknesses with ourselves. The God who by the preaching of one man brought to repentance a city, whose chief plea was that in it there were six-score thousands of babes too young to know their right hand from their left, will hear our prayers for all these children and youth of the lands of moral darkness.

What created mind can conceive the importance of these subjects for prayer! Convert the youth of the Church, the youth of American schools, the youth of the world's schools, and within one score of years Jesus will reign on earth!

Contributions for Schools on the Day of Prayer.

These ought to be made wherever Christians unite to pray; because,

I. It is natural for us to try to aid by means in our power whatsoever we love and feel an interest in.

II. Gifts and oblations are in all systems of religion considered a necessary, joyful, part of religion.

III. God appointed them to be a part of His worship of old, and rebuked as "empty" the forms that contained no gifts for the maintenance of His service.

IV. God appointed them to be a part of Christian duty, and made the first Christians most eminent in liberality.

V. Love of money, covetousness, and withholding from the Lord, are held up by the apostles as the most abominable of sins, like idolatry, and adultery.

VI. The General Assembly has repeatedly enjoined contributions be taken up in aid of the schools under the care of its Board of Education, upon the Last Thursday of February.

VII. The earnest appeals from all parts of the land for aid from this fund have left the Board without means to give to many deserving objects; its treasury is in debt; and it called (in the resolutions printed in the last RECORD, to which attention is again asked) for fully *twice* the amount it received from the churches last year.

VIII. There are four distinct classes of institutions that must suffer unless the liberal help of Christians is afforded. We will only mention here what they are. 1st. Schools in connection with congregations where they are needed on account of the want of common and other schools; or where the education given is of an objectionable character. 2d. Academies; some of them institutions of much local influence. 3d. Institutions in the South, to several of which, in regions utterly impoverished by war, we have granted unusually large sums. 4th. Our important and interesting mission schools among foreigners.

Lenox Collegiate Institute.

This interesting institution, which was adopted by the Synod of Iowa in 1861, is in the centre of a rich and beautiful country near the Dubuque and Southwestern Railroad. At the beginning of the war a full company of its students went out to sustain the government, of whom one fourth gave their lives to the cause, and others suffered and sacrificed much. The institution lost much in this way. It has had some noble instructors connected with it, who have endured severe trials in the hope of its final success. We are ashamed to offer it less than two hundred dollars of aid this year. But where is that to come from? Other institutions in that region need help also. We urge their claims upon the churches of the Synods there. The contributions from each meeting on the Day of Prayer, even though small separately, will in the aggregate accomplish much good. The following report has recently been received from Professor Hodge.

"We are endeavouring amidst great *discouragements* and *keen rivalries* to establish a good Presbyterian High School. I exercise a general supervision of the school—teach the classics, and then try to make a *feeble* support outside of the school.

"The Synod of Iowa, as you have doubtless learned, have got an agent about ready to enter the field in behalf of our Institute. It will however require a year's time for any material help to come to us through his efforts. If you in your good judgment can determine to extend aid a while longer, I think it would be well applied. We are greatly in need of fixtures, furniture, &c. Oh that the heart of some

generous friend might be opened towards us. Cannot a responsive cord be touched *any where* in our behalf? We have conducted weekly Bible Recitations as usual this Term. None of our Catholic students have asked to be excused from this exercise during the Term.

Pray that the guidance and blessing of Almighty God may attend you in all your labours for the church.

I am respectfully and fraternally yours,

SAMUEL HODGE.

Our French Mission Schools.

The consideration of some points in regard to "Our German Population" occupied a portion of the last RECORD. There is a population in some portions of our country not so numerous, but exercising an important influence upon our national character. The land whence come our fashions in dress, many of our most dangerous works of fiction, much of our science, and not a few of the best, and the worst, families in the land, is worthy of the serious thought of the Christian.

The Board of Education has its part to do in Christianizing the French in America, and that as important a part as any, the instruction of the youth. The schools described in the following two reports are doing each a noble work. They deserve the cordial support of the Church. We solicit a remembrance of their wants upon the Day of Prayer for schools, both in the pleas before the mercy-seat, and in the liberal benefactions of members of the Church.

French Mission School at Green Bay--Persecution by a Priest.

The following report from the Rev. Henry Morell, principal of the school at Green Bay, is worth of perusal, as showing the success of the efforts to impart Scriptural knowledge; and this is proved by the persecution it has excited on the part of the Romanists. A committee of the Synod of Wisconsin has examined into the condition of the school, and reports that it is managed with judgment, and a spirit of love breathed in an unusual degree into the labours of the teachers; and that the Spirit of God manifestly is present to bless these labours to the scholars.

Mr. Morell writes that the number of scholars on the roll during the past half year has been forty-three. Several of these have been compelled to leave the school by a priest in the neighbourhood. It is a shame that such persecutions are permitted in this land of freedom. The narrative of the successful resistance of a mere child to the arguments of the priest is very interesting. Mr. Morell writes as follows:

The opposition of the Romish priest has caused a decrease of numbers. Some five or six years ago, a girl who exceeds in superstitious devotion, and who was considered as an extra saint, one day pretended to have had an apparition of the holy Virgin, and to have received from her the command to build a chapel and a nunnery, on the spot where she pretended to have had the apparition. With many revelations resembling those of La Salette in France, she made, at that time, a great stir among the credulous and ignorant population, out of which resulted the erection of a log chapel on that consecrated spot. In this the image of a woman was placed on an altar, and a great crowd of people gathered there for a while to pay their homage to the Virgin. After a little, miraculous cures were reported to have been performed by that idol. Soon a large number of pilgrims from distant places were daily seen there paying vows to the queen of heaven, and the visionary girl got a very comfortable support by their gifts. Two grog-shops have been established close by, to sell whisky to accommodate those pilgrims, and to draw still more people to that den of lies. At first, the bishop and priests seemed not to approve that, but denounced it. But as soon as they saw this could become a new California to them, to make money, they took the matter in their own hand, and sanc-

tioned the whole iniquity. By this means money has been raised to build a nice chapel and a nunnery on that spot; and this money has been got as much from Protestants (to their own shame) as from Catholics. Since then that idol is carried round in procession, and followed by many thousands of people on the public roads, encumbering the roads, and forcing those they meet to stop till the procession be passed. One Sabbath, this fall, two members of my church met one of these processions as they were on their way to our meeting, and although they behaved like Christians, their only fault being that they kept their heads covered, the priest came and pushed them brutally against the fence, where they were obliged to wait till the whole crowd had passed. They complained of this outrage before the law, but they were condemned to pay the cost, for the priest brought a crowd of false witnesses to swear lies against them. Since the priest has been enabled to build his nunnery, he compels all the Catholics to send their children to school there, and even uses all his skill to induce Protestants to send theirs also, but happily without success. This is the cause of the decrease of the number of our pupils. The priest boasts of his good luck, and says to his people: "Protestants know well that we are right, they gave us money to help us to build our chapel and nunnery, and to establish our school; they protect us, giving us full power to march in procession; by-and-by they will be all with us." He endeavours to make the Protestants of Green Bay believe that we differ from other Protestants, that we are alone, a set of benighted people, in order to induce them to despise us, and not to take heed to what we say. But this is only for a short time. God is for us. Who can be against us?

Although our school has decreased in number now, on account of this strong opposition, it will increase again. We have many friends among the Roman Catholics; and the prospect is very encouraging among the children. We have now ten Roman Catholic children whose parents have not been moved by the sayings of the priest, because their children like our school and learn good things. One of these children is a little girl twelve years of age who loves the Saviour, and trusts in him alone for salvation. She dreads to go to the nunnery, and prays the Lord to make her parents understand the

truth as it is in Jesus, in order that they shall not send her there. And all the others are very intelligent, and have good ideas about the way of salvation.

Another girl, eleven years of age, whose parents are Protestant, and who first came to our school eighteen months ago, and began then to learn the letters, a few weeks ago was joined by the priest as she was returning home from the school. The priest was driving toward the nunnery. When he caught up to her he stopped, and invited her to ride with him a piece; she declined at first, but as the priest coaxed her earnestly, at length she yielded and went with him. The priest having learned from her that she was coming from our school, said to her, "Why do you go so far to school while you have a better one nearer home at the nunnery?" she answered: "Because it is not my duty to go there." Then the priest told her: "You attend a very bad school, where you are taught error." She answered: "I know the truth enough to judge that the things which are taught to me are good." The priest replied: "Well, Mrs. Morell does not hold the true religion; if she do not change she will be damned; how then can she teach good things?" She answered: "I know better than that; Mrs. Morell loves the Saviour; she cannot be damned; but you do not love him while you speak so, and you must fear for yourself that after damning others you be damned. I know not the heart of any person, but you do not speak as one that loves the Saviour; doubtless you are going to worship your virgin of stone, though you know that God forbids us to worship anything besides Him?" The priest answered: "I do not worship it, but I honour it. Do you not pray to the holy Virgin?" The little girl said: "No, for she cannot hear me; and although she could, we must pray to God alone. But it is not the holy Virgin you have there in that chapel; it is only a stone dressed up; if I were praying to my doll it would be the same thing as you do with your virgin." Then the priest said: "I do not pray to the image, but to the holy Virgin before her image. The holy Virgin saves us, therefore we must pray to her. Who can save you if you do not pray to her." She answered: "The Lord Jesus saves me, because he loved me, and I love him." But the priest told this child: "*What a folly!* to think that the Lord Jesus can save you, and that the holy Virgin cannot. If you do not pray to her, the

Lord will not save you." To which she answered "Has the holy Virgin suffered for our sins? Is it not the blood of Jesus that purifies from all sins? And you say it is a folly to think that he will save me. I cannot believe you, sir." Then they reached the road the little girl had to take to go home, and the conversation was ended. This child has learned the Shorter Catechism and a great number of passages of the Bible. And this proves that our teaching has not been in vain, and is a proof of the truth of these words: Prov. xxii. 6. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Many of our pupils can speak about the truth of the gospel with as much facility as this little girl. A little boy eight years of age, being asked whether he could do something to blot out his sins, answered: "No, nothing but the blood of the Saviour can blot out sins." Another little girl, being asked whether she was afraid of dying, answered, "No, because the Saviour loved me, and died for me; he took away my sins, and it is good to be with him."

Let us therefore rejoice. God is faithful and carries on his work of salvation notwithstanding the malice of the wicked men. I am sure that the Lord will, in the proper time, draw good from all that the priest is doing to hinder us in our good work; for He causes the wrath of man to turn to his own praise.

We have continued to teach during the term the same branches as we did before, among which religion has the prominent place. Twenty-five of our pupils have learned the Infant and the Shorter Catechism; also numerous passages of the Bible.

I hope the Board will not be discouraged in regard to helping us in keeping this school going on, on account of the opposition we meet with. The cause of Christ requires that this school be maintained here, especially under the present circumstances. I hope, therefore, dear brother, that you will continue to help us in this good work. And if Mrs. Morell's health constrain us to seek for another teacher, as it is very probable, you will help still to support another teacher, and make such arrangement as Providence shall point out.

We are much in need, at this time of severe weather. You will oblige us by sending the balance of what the Board granted us for the past year, as soon as it shall be consistent with the state of your treasury.

Mission Work among the French in Illinois.

Many of our readers will remember well the reformation among the Canadian French in Illinois, commenced under the influence of Mr. Chiniquy, and which has been carried forward by others who have better comprehended the spirit of Protestant Christianity. A second Presbyterian church at St. Ann's was for a time under the care of Rev. Theodore Monod, son of the eminent Dr. Frederic Monod, of Paris, France. Its present pastor is the Rev. H. E. Lippert, a faithful successor in his work of love. The school is an important arm of it; and the earnest character of the instruction is well exhibited in the following extracts from a report recently received, which we commend for perusal.

The average attendance during the last month was forty-five. The number of names on the roll is sixty-nine. The school is opened with singing, the reading of a passage of Scripture, remarks on the same, and prayer. Then follows the study of the Bible; instead of which, when it is desirable, the opening remarks are extended, and applied to the hearts and consciences of the children, who are invited to accept the Saviour without delay. The beginning of every afternoon is devoted to the recitation and explanation of the Shorter Catechism. The more advanced scholars, who study the catechism in English with our teacher, have committed to memory the answers to eighty-seven questions. Besides the branches usually taught in common schools, there are added French, Latin, and Algebra; in a few months we expect to commence the study of Greek. The two youths who have been received under the care of the Presbytery, and are aided by your Board, are doing well. At our last communion the most talented boy of our schools, not quite fifteen years old, made, together with four other persons, a profession of faith in Christ, and the next day expressed in a composition, which he had been required to write, his purpose of preaching the gospel, if God should permit. He is the brother of our excellent elder, who laboured last summer with great success among Protestants and Romanists.

Thus the Lord encourages this work,

begun in simple reliance upon Him. The school has no endowment, and no revenue by tuition fees, as the community is very poor yet. But God has marvelously provided for us thus far, and will He not stir up the hearts of His friends still to sustain this work, which is of so great importance to the evangelization of this yet largely Roman Catholic population? We need a school-house very much, as also maps, charts, etc. Less than six hundred dollars will suffice for all this. The school requires now about one-third of my

time, if not more; but, I believe, I am thus fulfilling in some measure the Saviour's command: "Feed my lambs."

I entreat you to grant us your aid also in this year, being persuaded that God will glorify himself through the weak instrumentality of this school. Blessed be his name for his salvation, and the privilege he grants to us of spreading the knowledge thereof among the poor.

May God bless abundantly your labours.

"Will you? and When?"

The teacher of a classical school, whose heart was oppressed with anxious desires for the conversion of the noble boys under his care, was walking with one of them along the street. They heeded not the passing throngs. The subject of their conversation was the salvation of the immortal soul. "Harry," said the teacher, tenderly and solemnly, "the whole matter may be solved in your answers to two questions, will you become a Christian? and when? Settle it first, whether it is best to serve God, or no. Take all the questions relating to this world, and that to come, into consideration, and decide, whether it is safest, wisest, best to be a Christian. Then, secondly, if it be so, look over all the duties, changes, hazards, trials, and hopes of life, and thoughtfully and fully determine, what is the best time for becoming a Christian. I leave the matter with you. The two main questions in regard to becoming a Christian are, "Will you? and When?" The boy went to his room to ponder the problem, not of geometry, the science of the measure of what shall be burned up and pass away, but of an inheritance that shall not pass away, eternal in the heavens. The solemn words, "will you? and when?" brought him to Jesus for pardon; then to the resolution to study for the ministry of the gospel, that he might preach life everlasting to thoughtless, dying men. It was well that he settled those two great questions when he did; for before he had finished his studies, he was suddenly called to die. There are many in our families who give little thought to either question. Some young persons assent to the first, but are undecided as to the second. This young man weighed, determined, and promptly acted upon *both* questions. Had he not done so *then*, how great the probabilities that he would have lost his soul. But now he wears a crown.

Reasons why the Board of Education is dear to Earnest Presbyterians.

(CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE FIRST SABBATH OF MARCH.)

Among the reasons why intelligent, earnest members of the Presbyterian Church love and cherish the Board of Education, contribute to its funds, and pray for the Divine blessing upon its operations, are the following:

FIRST.—ITS HISTORY.

A hundred and fifty years ago, "the numerous vacancies in our growing settlements" filled the hearts of the fathers of the Church with distress, and caused them to make efforts to lead to the ministry, and train for its responsible duties, young men born in this country, and qualified for them by their piety and talents. The famous "Log College," founded in 1726, by that eminently devoted and useful man,

Rev. William Tennent, "was the primeval theological seminary of our Church in America." In order to have young men "instructed *gratis*," the Synod of New York and Philadelphia in 1744 agreed "that every congregation under our care be applied to for yearly contributions, more or less, as they can afford." This was a sketch of the system of the present Board of Education, a generation before our present Republic was born. Through all the intervening efforts, in the several Colonies, and in the various rising States of the nation—whether those efforts were made in the humble cabin of some toiling, praying, hopeful pioneer of the wilderness, whose pious congregation contributed of their scant possessions in order to raise up missionaries to regions still more remote, and for people still poorer than they; or where they took the shape of more formal gifts of the living, or bequests of dying saints, to establish free scholarships in growing institutions of learning; or when those still more concrete aims took the form of Education Societies, and Presbyterian and Synodical Societies and Auxiliaries—still the tendency of all those desires, all those labours, and all that varied experience as to means and results, was to finally rear the grand, beautiful, and beneficent organization of the Church, in the Church, for the Church, which is now distinguished as its "Board of Education."

SECOND.—THE EMINENT WISDOM OF ITS PLAN.

That plan, as it has been matured by the wisdom of fifty successive General Assemblies of the entire Church, and by the consideration and suggestions of thousands of its ministers, now stands as follows:

1. It requires a certain *measure of maturity in the youth* whom it takes up. He must be of sufficient age to begin, must have "been a member in good and regular standing in some Presbyterian church at least six months; and in addition to giving good evidence of his capacity for the acquisition of knowledge, he must have spent at least three months in the study of the Latin language." (*Rules, &c., part I, art. 6.*)

2. The candidate is expected to be guided by the *approval of "his pastor, or some member of the Presbytery* to which he naturally belongs." (*Ib., part I, art. 2.*)

3. He is *examined by the Presbytery*, upon "his personal and experimental piety, on his motives for seeking the holy office of the ministry, on his attachment to the standards of the Presbyterian Church, in relation to his general habits, his prudence, his studies, his talents, his gifts for public speaking, his disposition to do all in his power to maintain himself, and his willingness to observe the rules of the Board." (*Ib., part I, art. 3.*)

4. The recommendation of the Presbytery—which must specify the "name, age, residence, church connection, stage of education, place of study, lowest amount of aid required, and to whose care the appropriation is to be sent," with other information of interest, as to the individual—is *considered by the Board of Education*, firstly in the Executive Committee, secondly in a meeting of the Board, before the candidate is taken under the care of the Church, and appropriations made from the treasury for his benefit.

5. The General Assembly has recommended that *each Presbytery* shall appoint an *Educational Committee*, "for the purpose of corresponding with and watching over candidates," and which "may examine and recommend applicants during the interval of the meetings of the Presbytery." (*Ib., part I, art. 4.*) And the Educational Committee is expected to annually examine, and renew the recommendations of the students to the Board.

6. *Teachers and professors* must send *quarterly reports* in regard to each candidate under their care, "*showing his standing for piety, talents, diligence, scholarship,*

prudence, economy, health, and general influence; and no remittance is made to any until such report is received." (*Ib.*, part II., art. 3.)

7. For the wise guidance of the conduct of the candidate, certain *rules* are furnished him by the Board, on his reception under its general care; if these be violated the aid it renders may be withdrawn; if he turn aside from preparation for the ministry, or enter the ministry of another Church, he is bound to refund, with interest, all the money he has received of the Board.

8. The amount of annual aid granted, by direction of the General Assembly, is one hundred dollars to an academical, one hundred and twenty to a collegiate, and one hundred and fifty to a theological student; sufficient to supplement what most young men can supply from other sources, by good use of time in vacations; and yet not sufficient to tempt unworthy men, as an object.

Such is the plan of the Board of Education, than which none ever has been, and none ever can be, devised, that shall be more admirable, complete, thorough, efficient, and adapted to the Presbyterian system of church government, which we believe to be that of the Word of God.

THIRD.—USEFULNESS TO THE MOST DESERVING CLASSES IN THE CHURCH.

The particulars which would illustrate this head, must as a general rule be, from motives of delicacy and prudence, buried in the hearts of the Presbytery and Board. But many of the candidates aided by the Board may be embraced under the following classes:

1. Sons of ministers, and domestic and foreign missionaries.
2. Sons of eminently pious persons tried by afflictions and losses; of widows who thus give their all to Christ their Saviour; or orphans consecrated by dying parents to the service of God, and thus deprived of the sustenance they would have enjoyed had those parents lived.
3. Men from more destitute and missionary parts, who are thus better qualified to work in such fields, and disposed to enter them.
4. Youths of unusual promise who in the judgment of the Presbytery would be owned of God to greater usefulness, if aided to engage sooner in the work of the ministry, than if permitted to employ several of their best years in obtaining the means necessary to educate themselves.
5. Those so far advanced in years when they commence their studies, that it would be painful and wrong to compel them to tarry in order to earn a subsistence while fitting themselves for active service; whose comparative experience and maturity make them more efficient in some kinds of pastoral, or other necessary work of the Church; and who, perhaps, might be lost to the work of the ministry if under the necessity of now spending an unnecessary term of years in preparation.

FOURTH.—THE INCALCULABLE BENEFITS THE BOARD HAS RENDERED TO THE CAUSE OF CHRIST.

Some of these were shown in the Annual Report of the Board for 1867. Among them may be mentioned the facts that it has been the channel of the aid of the Church to a large number of the ablest and most useful pastors, distinguished professors, and teachers, of our connection; to 1058 of the 2294 names on the roll of the ministry of the previous year; to 305 of the 539 devoted domestic missionaries; to 34 of the 67 men who have given up all to preach Christ to the heathen, and were then in connection with the Foreign Board of Missions; and in all, from the year 1819, when the Board was constituted in the main in its present form, to 3416 Presbyterians candidates. On the other hand, the failure of but about three and one-third per cent. of the young taken up, to enter the ministry, exhibits the

wonderful efficiency of that truly scriptural, Presbyterian, and wise plan of conducting its educational operations, for which the Church owes thanks to God, and to the fathers who have gone before us, into whose minds God put it.

FIFTH.—THE SPIRIT WHICH HAS ANIMATED THE BOARD FROM THE BEGINNING.

Its influence and efforts have been directed to :

1. The advancement of scriptural piety, especially in the hearts of the young. Cold, or worldly, or covetous, or scheming ministers are a fearful calamity to the cause. When ministers are filled with the Holy Ghost, five shall chase an hundred, and an hundred shall put ten thousand to flight. One praying Moses may avert the destruction of a nation; the warnings of one Jonah may cast a nation repenting of heathen crimes, prostrate at the feet of Jehovah.

2. The awakening of parents to the duties of fulfilling baptismal vows, early consecration to the ministry of their offspring, and training them in the fear of God and for high ends in life.

3. The direction of pastors and teachers of every kind in those various courses of effort and influence which shall most tend towards the accomplishment of the great end, to "send forth labourers into the harvest, for the harvest is great and the labourers are few."

4. Plain and earnest appeals, beginning with those principles which are most fundamental and most powerful, such as shall affect great increase in the number of truly pious, faithful, and suitable young men whose motive it shall be to "preach the gospel to every creature."

5. The procuring of the pecuniary means which are necessary for the prosecution of study on the part of the classes who require such aid, and the setting before Christians the principles and facts necessary to inspire liberality.

6. The Board of Education, as may be deduced from the preceding statements, is the FIRST INSTRUMENTALITY TO WHICH THE CHURCH MUST LOOK FOR THE MEN WHO ARE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL to all the corners of this vast and expanding country; to plant the seed of salvation in all its wildernesses; to save it from the hellish powers of superstition, falsehood, and infidelity, which are combined for the overthrow of true religion and its most essential institutions, such as the Sabbath, the marriage covenant and female purity, and all that can make this a holy and peaceful land—and for the men who are to go forth, with the spirit and power of Christ, to all the world, "to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Here are condensed into a brief summary, topics that might well occupy a volume. If pondered well, they will satisfy every thinking mind, and every pious heart, as to why earnest Presbyterians love, pray for, and contribute to the Board of Education.

This summary is presented now to refresh the memories of brethren in the ministry and eldership, especially, in their preparation for the presentation of the objects and wants of this Board on the day appointed by the Church; or, if in the providence of God prevented then, when they may be able to bring them before their churches. And it is presented, also, that many in the Church, more or less interested in these subjects, some of whom possibly may have even viewed them in partial or insufficient light, may from these hints go on to study and measure and appreciate them in their true importance, broad relationship, and solemn duties.

One of the immediate results of such an apprehension of these subjects will be a

desire, and corresponding effort, to place in the power of the Board the pecuniary means to sustain those sons of the Church who are now under its care at the various academies, colleges, and theological seminaries where they are engaged in study, and to pray that they may be men whose spirit, life, and influence shall be filled with the Holy Spirit and with power.

The Pleas of a mighty Man of God.

It is profitable for us to know by what pleas the men of past generations have prevailed with God, to bring down those wondrous effusions of power that have shaken communities, and the nation, and driven multitudes to flee from the ways of sin, to seek refuge in Christ. The following is an extract from a sermon of Rev. Dr. John McMillan, whose labours were greatly blessed during the great revival at the beginning of this century.

“The pleas and arguments which the Spirit of God enables the saints to present with efficacy, are the great designs of redemption; to glorify God in the highest and save sinners to the uttermost—the great price of redemption; the blood of Christ—and the great spring of it; everlasting redeeming love, and God’s gracious covenant, founded in mercy, and executed in truth. Lord remember Zion, so greatly loved and so dearly bought—remember her for thy name’s sake, thy great name, the glory of thy name—for thy mercy’s sake, for the truth of thy word. Plead as David pled: Lord, do as thou hast said—Thou hast promised great and undeserved blessings to my kingdom, to my family, and to my person; O remember thy promise, and do as thou hast said, and I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever, with my mouth I will make known thy faithfulness to all generations. With good success may it be urged by the convinced sinner: Lord, thou hast said that thou wilt take away the stony heart, and give an heart of flesh. Lord, do as thou hast said; here is that very heart; break it by thy power, and melt it with thy love.”

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN JANUARY, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pty of Albany</i> —First ch Albany 63 19; West Galway ch 10; 3d ch Albany 32 75; Schenectady ch 191 75	\$297 69
<i>Pty of Allegheny</i> —Amity ch	12 00
<i>Pty of Beaver</i> —New Castle ch in part	40 00
<i>Pty of Baltimore</i> —Twelfth ch Baltimore	17 75
<i>Pty of Blairsville</i> —Polk Run ch 16 75; New Salem ch 33 56	50 31
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<i>Pty of Bureau</i> —Millersburg ct.	10 00
<i>Pty of Carlisle</i> —Middle Spring ch	67 30
<i>Pty of Chippewa</i> —Lansing ch	3 00
<i>Pty of Donegal</i> —Slateville ch, add'l	1 00
<i>Pty of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabethtown Point ch	17 00
<i>Pty of Erie</i> —Meadville ch	20 00
<i>Pty of Fairfield</i> —Bloomfield ch	3 75
<i>Pty of Fort Wayne</i> —First ch, Fort Wayne,	12 90
<i>Pty of Huntingdon</i> —Altoona ch	41 00
<i>Pty of Hudson</i> —Monroe ch	4 00
<i>Pty of Iowa</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 2; Burlington ch 3	5 00
<i>Pty of Luzerne</i> —Pittston ch	25 00
<i>Pty of Long Island</i> —First ch, Huntington	8 00
<i>Pty of Milwaukee</i> —Holland ch	7 00
<i>Pty of Madison</i> —Madison ch	31 50
<i>Pty of New Castle</i> —Newark ch	5 50
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<i>Pty of Ohio</i> —Lawrenceville ch	62 24
<i>Pty of Oxford</i> —Venice ch	17 65
<i>Pty of Philadelphia</i> —West Spruce St ch, Sab-sch 40; Mrs Mary Patterson 4	44 00
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<i>Pty of Passaic</i> —Third ch, Newark	39 64
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<i>Pty of Saltsburg</i> —“E W” 300; Boiling Spring ch 6; Apollo ch 12	318 00
<i>Pty of Sangamon</i> —Sangamon ch	12 00
<i>Pty of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch	3 00
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<i>Pty of Vincennes</i> —Washington ch	8 00
<i>Pty of Wooster</i> —Dalton ch	46 50
<i>Pty of West Jersey</i> —Cedarville ch	50 10

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II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pty of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Second ch, Phila, from a member	50 00
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James F Gayley, M D, Phila	5 00
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Recent Intelligence.

THE DEATH OF THE REV. A. G. SIMONTON has been made known to the churches through the newspapers. He died at the house of his brother-in-law, the Rev. A. L. Blackford, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he was making a visit, on the 9th of December. His illness was a fever. His removal in the prime of his days—his age being about 35—is a heavy loss to the mission and to the church. He was one of the foremost men in our ministry for his years, in talents, scholarship, most useful labours, and earnest piety.

THE REV. WILLIAM T. MORRISON, his wife, and their two children, embarked for China *via* San Francisco, on the 11th of January, with health greatly benefitted by their visit to this country. Mr. Morrison will not return to Ningpo, but will be associated with Dr. Martin in the duties of the mission at Peking, hoping to enjoy health in the colder climate of that part of China. Our readers will remember this missionary family in their prayers.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED into the church are reported in several letters, which have reached us to February 14th, viz., in October four persons were received at Sao Paulo, and six at Brotas; about thirty more at the latter place desired admission to the church, but it was considered best to keep them longer on trial. Five adults were admitted to the church at Sing-z, Ningpo Mission, by the Rev. Mr. Tsiang, on the 10th of November. The Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, of Shanghai, was on a visit in that neighbourhood at the time, and speaks of the communion services as very interesting. The Rev. C. F. Preston, under date of November 20th, mentions his having baptized an aged man at Canton on the preceding Sabbath. The annual report of the Canton Mission speaks of the admission of ten members to the communion of the church during the year ending October 1st—seven on examination, and three on letters of admission from our Chinese church in California.

THE OMAHA MISSION, under the superintendence of the Rev. William Hamilton, under date of February 1st, reports continued interest in religion in one of the villages; some of the Indians offer apparently sincere and humble prayers, at their religious meetings. In the boarding school twenty-nine boys and nineteen girls are under instruction.

A GREAT CHANGE.—The Rev. J. R. Ramsay, writing from the Seminole Agency, January 9th, says, "On last Sabbath I ordained one of our members to the office of Ruling Elder, one of our old and tried Christian brothers. He hesitated a long time about assuming the responsible office, but finally yielded to our entreaties. While setting him apart to this office in the church, my mind was forcibly impressed with the wondrous change which the Holy Spirit had wrought in the soul of this man. Once, he was a dark heathen savage; now, a meek and lowly follower of Jesus. Long ago, when he proposed to marry one of our Christian sisters, I felt afraid to grant my consent lest he should cause her to apostatize; now, he stands as a pillar in the church, and all have confidence in his zeal, prudence, and piety."

LETTERS, in addition to those above cited, have been received from the Creek Mission, January 28th; from San Francisco, January 9th; Yokohama, December 4th; Shanghai, November 26th, mentioning the return of the Rev. J. Wherry and his family from their visit to Chefoo for health; Ningpo, November 20th; Calcutta,

November 19th, mentioning the arrival there of the Rev. J. F. Ullmann, on his return to India, after leaving his family in England—Mrs. Ullmann's health not permitting her to go back at present; Allahabad, December 9th, mentioning the Rev. J. J. Walsh's return to that station from a visit up the country, with health much improved; Dehra, November 29th; Sabathu, December 9th; Lahor, December 17th.

Report of the Indian Peace Commission.

We wish to commend this report to the attention of our readers, especially to those amongst them who take any interest in the administration of our public affairs. It is published in some of the newspapers, and we wish it could be published, in a satisfactory abridgment if not in full, in all of them. The names of the gentlemen who form the Commission ought to secure for it every attention; amongst them are those of some of our highest military generals, as well as of civilians of the foremost station. But it is mainly the report itself which deserves consideration. We do not concur with all its views, but it is full of useful information concerning matters of recent occurrence, and it contains many things worthy of the attention of our countrymen. It shows who is usually to be blamed in the commencement of our Indian wars; seldom is it the Indians, but commonly it is the unprincipled white men, who in various ways come into intercourse with them, who are the aggressors. Nothing more disgraceful to Christian civilization can well be conceived of than some of the proceedings of white men towards the Indians; the report gives an account of "the Chivington massacre," which is almost incredible, but which is only too true. This Col. Chivington, and a battalion of Colorado troops, surrounded a body of peaceful Indians who had placed themselves under the protection of our flag, fired upon them at daybreak, even upon fleeing woman and children, scalping many of them, and committing other atrocious acts. Outrages committed against the Indians naturally rouse their ignorant and savage nature to deeds of violence. And then follows a fierce war with them. The expense of military expeditions to put down these warring tribes has often been counted by millions of dollars. This expenditure while burdensome to all good citizens has enured to the benefit of army contractors and others, always ready to urge the country into these Indian wars. The Commission estimates the cost of the war which resulted from the Chivington massacre at thirty millions of dollars.

But the time has come, we hope, when all this will be changed. We regard this report as likely to do much good in turning the attention of the country to the best way of dealing with the Indians. Several things are recommended, amongst these the forming of a new Indian Territory north of Nebraska, extending from the Missouri River westward to the 104th degree of longitude: but our limits do not permit further reference to these subjects.

It is with pleasure that we notice a cordial recognition of the usefulness of missionary labours for the Indians. The remark, however, about so much money being sent to Asia and Africa might have been well omitted. Before the Rebellion our church expended considerable sums of money on its Indian missions; relatively to the number of the Indians a very much larger amount than was spent in both Asia and Africa; and missions were then established in a number of tribes, and were doing a good work. We hope soon to see this part of the benevolent work of the Board greatly increased. Measures are in progress which will result before long, as we hope, in the enlargement of two of the existing missions and the forming of one or two new missions.

The Mission Press at Shanghai.

This establishment has always been regarded with deep interest. Its origin is to be largely ascribed to the forecast and influence of the Senior Corresponding Secretary of the Board. It enjoyed the efficient labours of Walter M. Lowrie, M. Simpson Culbertson, and others among the departed brethren of the mission; and it has been an object of much interest to all of the missionaries. It is now under the charge of Mr. William Gamble, a practical printer of superior skill and energy, and it is probably one of the best establishments of the kind to be found in connection with any missionary institution. Let its works speak for it, as they are partly shown by the following extracts from Mr. Gamble's report of the year ending October 1st, 1867:

An unusually large amount of work has been done in the establishment during the year, and the acknowledged influence and utility of the Press increases year by year. The demand for books is now so great that after the addition of three new presses received during the year, we are still unable to print enough to supply the urgent demand, and to all appearance had we three or four presses more than we now have they could be kept all busily employed. . . .

The religious job printing, which we do at cost, or nearly cost price, might be largely increased were we able to undertake it, but which we cannot do without more presses. We do not put the imprint of the press on this kind of work, and we are not responsible for its character, but it should be said, however, it has very seldom any thing of a denominational aspect, and is almost always confined to the great teachings of our common Christianity. The secular job printing is not only a source of income to the press, but most of that which we do tends either directly or indirectly to aid the missionary cause.

Works Printed.

Several very valuable works have issued from the press during the past year; the first and principal of these is "*A Japanese and English Dictionary, with an English and Japanese Index, by J. C. Hepburn, A. M., M. D.*," this great work, the fruit of many years of unremitting toil on the part of the author, will be of inestimable value to all students of the Japanese language. Another work which will prove of great service to sinologues has also, in part, been printed at the press, "*Notes on Chinese Literature, with Introductory Remarks on the Progressive Advancement of the Art, &c., by A. Wylie.*" Another work from the well-known pen of the same author called "*Memorials of Protestant Missionaries to the Chinese, giving a list of their Publications,*" &c., is intended to exhibit the bibliography of Protestant missionaries in China, and which will, it is believed, prove very useful. . . .

The printing done for the Tract Society is much more this year than usual; this was rendered necessary from there being so many of the publications of the Society out of print. The number reprinted is sixteen; one of these is a translation into Japanese by Dr. Hepburn of the tract *Easy Introduction to Christian Doctrine*, and another is a translation into mandarin colloquial by the Rev. H. Corbett of *The Two Friends*. There are two new tracts, viz: a translation of *Henry and his Bearer*, by the Rev. H. Blodget, and a sheet tract *Who is Jesus?* by the Rev. C. W. Mateer, both mandarin colloquial. The demand by our missions for Tract Society publications is much greater than we can supply with the funds at our disposal. . . .

While by far the largest portion of our printing should be Bible Society work, this year it is to be regretted so little has been done: [10,600,000 pages.] The Scriptures in the mandarin colloquial are greatly in demand, and we are now employed printing an edition of 30,000 copies of the Gospels and Acts, of which 10,000 copies are an order of the Rev. A. Williamson, agent of the Scotch National Bible Society. The material for making stereotype plates arrived some time ago; a stereotype room and furnace is built, and every thing in readiness for the casting of the plates, which we hope to commence immediately.

The total number of pages printed at the press during the year is 21,074,350.

Considerable difficulty is experienced in getting the binding done rapidly enough, and a number of binders were lately engaged to come from Ningpo. The bindery is too small, nor have we any sheet room. It will be necessary, therefore, to erect

a bindery and sheet-room, which being built to the end of the press building can be put up at a cost of about \$400. Foreign tools and material were received from America, and a man has been trained to execute foreign binding with considerable neatness.

Type-founding Department.

Our method of printing by movable-metallic type being new to the Chinese, and the formation of their written character so peculiar, the type-founding department is a most important part of the establishment, and one to which the superintendent has always given great attention, and on which there has been a large expenditure of money. It is now, however, satisfactory to be able to report, the receipts from the sale of Chinese type are large, and that there is the prospect this department will soon repay all that has hitherto been expended on it. There was sold during the year 1307 pounds Chinese type, and we are now executing an order received from Paris for a complete set of the Small Pica Chinese matrices, which we are making at the rate of one thousand a month. There were 2227 pounds of type cast during the year. The number of matrices which were made is 4800, these are for Berlin and Small Pica Chinese, five fonts of Japanese, one font Manchu, one small font Ruby Chinese, and Long Primer and Small Pica English. We have received from the United States the matrices for fonts of Long Primer and Brevier, together with hand-moulds, which will be useful for casting sorts, but machine-moulds will be necessary to cast fonts. A small font of music type was also received, which will be very useful in printing sacred music for the use of the native Christians.

Number of Workmen—Religious Services.

There are fifty persons employed in the establishment. The workmen are a very intelligent and industrious class of men; none of them, however, profess Christianity, except Mr. Tsiang, the foreman, a very worthy man who has been over twenty years in the press. He conducts prayers every evening with the men. There is also a service conducted by the native catechist each Sabbath morning. None of the members of the mission have been able to conduct any religious services with the workmen for some years past, but it is believed that something will be done during the coming year for the spiritual good of those whose daily employment brings them into such close contact with the Word of God, but whose hearts it is feared are but little influenced by its Divine teaching.

Notes of a Trip into the Country.

The Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, of Shanghai, writes from that city, November 26th, 1867, giving some notices of a recent visit to Hangchow and vicinity. These notices will be read with interest.

I spent two nights at *Ka Shen*, where we are making an effort to start an outstation, visited Sing-s, a day's journey beyond where our brethren at Hangchow have an outstation, and spent about a week at Hangchow.

At *Ka Shen* we have a bookstore and chapel combined, and the plan which was tried only as an experiment seems working well. There are six enquirers who meet every night to study the word of God, or other religious books, and have prayer together before they separate. Five of them are so far convinced that they are observing the Sabbath and asking to be baptized. They all appeared candid and in earnest. I spent each evening with them, asking each

separately questions, and afterwards exhorting and instructing them we closed with prayer and separated. I can but hope the Lord has begun a good work in that city. The people all seem kind and friendly, and we are anxious to rent a few rooms for Bao, the Evangelist, to occupy until he can settle among them with his family. Four of our scholars have come from this city. I visited their families and was kindly received. I passed the Sabbath at Sing-s an outstation of the Hangchow Mission, and one day's journey this side of that city. This is a large and flourishing town of some twenty thousand inhabitants. The church has increased since I was there last spring, from eight members to seventeen. It was communion-Sabbath; five adults and three children were baptized. The Rev. Mr. Tsiang preached, and Mr. Green administered the sacrament. Twenty-four of us sat down to celebrate our Lord's death and remember his dying love. I had a walk in the morning of nine or ten miles to reach the place, but felt amply repaid.

The chapel is a small room in the house occupied by the native assistant. The house is but a poor one, and the room used for the chapel is small and has no floor. But in that humble place the Lord has been pleased to manifest his presence; and if in all the lands where our church has planted the standard of the cross, there were no other fruits, there is here enough to more than reward for all the labour and money that has been expended.

I was much pleased with the prospects of the Hangchow Mission. The brethren are looking about for a site for the Mission. There are vacant lots in abundance in desirable locations both in the city proper and upon the hill which is within the walls. The property they have secured is a very valuable one, and has been bought at a moderate price, not more than a third or fifth of its original cost, and it is now rapidly coming to be as valuable as ever, now that the city is being reoccupied. The cause owes Mr. Green a large debt of gratitude for his foresight and discretion in securing for the mission this place at considerable risk, which he nobly took upon his own shoulders.

Encouraging Incidents at Canton.

The Rev. H. V. Noyes writes as follows, under date at Canton, China, of November 22d, 1867.

At our last communion, which took place on the 17th of this month, there were two applicants for baptism. One, an old man of sixty-seven, was received. He had formerly been a fortune-teller, and also sold medicine on the street. He stated to us that he had some time ago given up fortune-telling from a conviction that it was wrong. Brother Preston has known him for a considerable time. He has frequently heard the gospel preached, and has read with much care Mrs. French's translation of the little work, "Come to Jesus." On the whole we felt pleased with his appearance, and he was baptized in the presence of quite a numerous congregation, just before the communion services. We hope the old man's last days will be his best days, and sincerely pray that the desire he expressed to us, "to enter heaven when he died," will in due time be granted. Mr. Preston's youngest child was also baptized, and named from one who seems to have been very much loved, "Laura Condit."

The other application for baptism was

from a young man who has long attended upon Mr. Preston's preaching at the Treasury Street chapel. He seemed like an earnest and energetic man, but we did not yet see the way clear to receive him, although in many respects pleased with him. This man's mother is also an inquirer. They have both given up ancestral worship, and we hope that the way may ere long be made clear to welcome them both to the fellowship of the church.

Quite recently we have had the addition of one pupil to the Training School. He has just come from Borneo. He does not speak the Canton dialect, but Hakka,—also speaks English to some extent. Mr. G——, a gentleman connected with the Custom House, and who has occupied Dr. Kerr's rooms in his absence, very kindly offers to meet the expense of this man's education.

One word of explanation in reference to the Bible women. Mr. Preston has employed one, as I doubt not, you know, for some time in this work. The second is the nurse who went to the United States with Mrs. Happer, and was baptized, I think, by Dr. Paxton, in the First church, Pittsburgh. She waited upon my own dear wife for a long time with great kindness, and I trust will do good. Her support is also provided for without drawing upon the funds of the Board. She commenced her work as Bible woman on the 1st of October.

Notices of Missionary Work in Japan.

The Rev. D. Thompson, under date at Yokohama, of December 4th, 1867, sends us the following notices of the missionary work at that place.

We have continued our work of translating the Scriptures, teaching, and preaching without interruption since I last wrote. The fore part of each day of the week is spent in united labour in translating, and the afternoon in teaching and other labours. On the Sabbath we hold our Japanese service, which continues to be well attended, and has not been opposed by the authorities thus far. Mr. Ballagh [of the Reformed Dutch Mission] has also a class in the Scriptures, every other night in the week. I cannot take part in this, as I have a Bible class every night in the week. I am greatly encouraged to go on with this work, and thank God for this field in which to labour.

Japanese Inquirers.

Since I commenced to teach the Bible

class a good many interesting young men have been members of it. Some of them have returned to their homes with the Bible in their possession, and apparently attached to it. Some few are with me still. Some read the Bible as a common book, and with no apparent love for it. In others I think I can see a manifest love for the Scriptures, and I have my eye on two or three who to my mind are *inquirers*, *seekers* after the truth. At home with you a man is called an *inquirer* if he calls upon his minister for advice, or asks for the prayers of God's people. You call such a one an *inquirer*. Here when I see a man give up his salary and rank, and become a "ronin" or outlaw, and in addition to this, toil to master a strange language, and all that he might read the Bible through, and persistently refuse to read any other book, I call that man an *inquirer* after truth. Such inquirers there are here, whom God's

preventing grace appears to be leading in a way they know not, and will doubtless at last lead them out of darkness into light. Such a one I am now privileged to teach. He is "like the merchantman *seeking* goodly pearls." He is an inquirer yet. He has not yet found the pearl of great price, and what if with all his earnestness he should yet not find it? There are other men in this land with spirits equally earnest, and equally intent on finding God in his word. We catch glimpses of one here and there in most unlooked-for positions, searching for the truth in Chinese Bibles, like the Eunuch reading the prophets, with no one to guide them—that is no man to guide them.

In view of these facts I was glad when I heard that you had resolved to send some more labourers to this field. I trust that they will come soon, and set about preparing themselves to preach to a people prepared for the Lord.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN JANUARY, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Second ch, Albany 102 11; Central ch Mayfield 5; Johnstown ch 102 06, Sab-sch 16 56; Galway ch 7; 3d ch, Albany 131, Sab-sch for debt 10; Princetown ch 20 60; 1st ch Little Falls 99 52; West Milton ch 8 08, mo con 7; State St ch Albany 224 45, *in memoriam* 1 05; Carlisle ch 10, Sab-sch for debt 2; Mariaville ch 14, Sab-sch 6; West Galway Sab sch for debt 8. *Pby of Londonderry*—Londonderry ch 73 50. *Pby of Mohawk*—Oneida ch 100; Park Central ch, Syracuse 150 73. *Pby of Troy*—South ch Troy 16 1,114 66

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Mount Nebo Sab-sch for debt 11; Butler ch 106 81, Sab-sch 82 25; Scrubgrass ch 36; Leesburgh ch 14; Slate Lick ch 33, Sab-sch for debt 8 30; Clinton ch 8; Sunbury Sab-sch 4 68; Ebenezer ch 5 20; Pleasant Valley ch 17 40; Freeport ch 14 47; Middlesex ch 17; Tarentum ch 20. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Concord ch 5; Leetsdale ch 62 04. *Pby of Beaver*—Little Beaver Sab-sch 25. *Pby of Erie*—Greenville ch 31 25; Neshamic Union Sab-sch 5; Park ch Sab-sch Erie, for Tunchow sch 75, for debt 25; 2d ch Mercer 25; Meadville ch 60; Concord ch 21 76; Sturgeonville ch 8; Sab-sch for debt 2 723 16

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Bellair ch 12; Westminster ch Baltimore, Henry D Hervey, to con self *Life member*, 30; Grace Lee 62 cts; Broadway ch, Baltimore 30; Harmony ch 26; Annapolis ch Youth's Miss'y Soc'y 35 82; Aisquith St ch Baltimore, for China mission 32 70. *Pby of Carlisle*—Waynesboro Sab-sch 9 60; Emmetsburgh ch 39 24, Sab-sch 36 57; Havre de Grace ch 10; Piney Creek ch 16 30; Seventh St ch Harrisburg 24 75; Miss Duncle's Sab-sch class 5 25; Barton and Lonaconing ch 16; Paxton ch 52; Mechanicsburg Sab-sch for Tunchow 40 72; Shippensburg ch 107 35; Dickinson ch 23 16; Buffalo ch 33; Gettysburg ch mo con 12 91; Rev S B Smith 10; Great Conewago ch 19; Frostburg Sab-sch 20; Goheenville Sab-sch 8, for mission sch, Chefoo. *Pby of Leves*—Dover ch 80, Sab-sch 20. *Pby of Potomac*—Seventh St ch Washington Sab-sch for debt 30; N Y Ave ch, Youth's Miss'y Soc'y, for two native missionaries in Pekin 200; 1st ch Alexandria 11, Sab-sch for debt 11 60; Capitol Hill Sab-sch Washington for debt 42 75; Darnestown ch 8 64; Youth's Miss'y Soc'y 8 40 1,063 38

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Calvary ch Buffalo 142 78; 1st ch Alden 20. *Pby of Genesee River*—Oakland Sab-sch for debt 8; 1st ch Bath 12 62; Moscow ch 7 50; Warsaw ch 44; Wyoming ch 42 20, Sab-sch for Scripture reader Canton 19 03; Sparta ch 15. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Hammond ch 47 38; Mrs W M Wilson 10. *Pby of Rochester City*—First ch Rochester 209, to con James M Alling *Life member* 30; 3d ch Rochester 145 78 753 29

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Millersburg ch 10 50; Lower Rock Island ch 15 75; 1st ch Aledo 18; Genesee ch 13; Camden Mills Sab-sch for debt 50; Andover ch 3 50. *Pby of Chicago*—First ch Rockford 129 56; Manteno ch 18 74; Marengo ch 15; 1st ch Morris 42 25; Mendota ch 16; 2d ch St Anne 3 35; Willow Creek ch 44 35; Bequest of a child for debt 12; Twenty-eighth St ch Chicago 27; Earlville ch 4; 1st ch Kankakee 14 50. *Pby of Rock River*—Middle Creek ch 30; Morrison ch for Bonita 30 72. *Pby of Schuyler*—Macomb ch 45; Ebenezer ch 30; Carthage ch 30 35, Sab-sch for debt 3 65; Camp Creek ch 16; Pittsfield Sab-sch for debt 2 50; Vermont ch 9 10; Ipava ch 25. *Pby of Warren*—Knoxville Sab-sch 20; North Henderson ch 30; Prairie City ch 5; Lenox ch 5 50; John Knox ch 11 50; Monmouth ch 67 15; Popes River ch 7; Shiloh ch 17 28 823 25

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Eckmansville ch 8 48; Red Oak ch 13 58; Marshall Sab-sch for debt 4; Rocky Spring ch 5 50; Bloomingburg ch 50 51; Greenfield ch 32. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Lebanon ch 42 50; Reading ch 10; 1st ch Glendale 60 32; Springdale ch 52 60; Bethel ch 13 15; Cumminsville ch 18 65; Central ch Cincinnati 112 54; Seventh ch Cincinnati, Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y 200; 1st ch Walnut Hills Sab-sch for debt 25 32. *Pby of Miami*—Monroe ch 16; New Jersey ch 38 70; Carrolton ch 6 40; Franklin ch 26 43; Middletown ch 31 50; South Charleston ch 7. *Pby of Oxford*—Camden ch 10 13. *Pby of Sidney*—First ch Bellefontaine 40 50; Union City ch 20 60; 1st ch West Liberty 5 50; 1st ch Piqua 175; Turtle Creek ch 2 75; 1st ch Sidney 48 40, Sab-sch for debt 34 30; De Graff ch 6 30, Sab-sch 1; 1st ch Urbana 27; Buck Creek ch 43 1,189 66

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Towanda ch 46; Heyworth ch 6, Sab-sch for debt 26; Chatsworth ch 11; Deer Creek ch 12; Crow

Meadow ch 4; Waynesville ch 7 23; Clinton ch 44 30, Sab-sch 10 40; Low Point Sab-sch for debt 7; Fairburg ch 6 25; Onarga ch 10; Galloway ch 10; Gilman ch 4. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Carlyle Sab-sch 5; 1st ch Chester 13; Elm Point ch 8; Trenton ch 16; Litchfield ch 15. *Pby of Pulestine*—Grandview Sab-sch for debt 10; Darwin ch 4; Pleasant Prairie ch 6. *Pby of Peoria*—Second ch Peoria 201 30; Yates City ch 5 50; Farmington ch Mrs Margaret Simpson 5; Lewistown Sab-sch for debt 24 34; Canton ch 30; French Grove ch 28; Mansfield ch 21 65, Sab-sch 3 06; 1st ch Peoria 81; Brunswick ch 4 25. *Pby of Saline*—Carmi ch 16 55; Goleonda ch 14; Elizabethtown ch 6; Wabash ch 2 50, Olney ch 10 77. *Pby of Sangamon*—Third ch Springfield 60 82; Farmington ch 35; 1st ch Decatur Sab-sch for debt 14 54, to ed child at Corisco 27; Virginia ch 10; Irish Grove ch 12; West Okaw ch 10; North Sangamon ch 20 75; Providence ch 82 50, Rev. J Platt 50 1,057 91

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<i>Pby of Huntington</i> —Altoona ch 51 00	
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Round Prairie ch 11 06; Middletown ch 10 75; St Peter's Evangelical ch 5 26 81	
<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Sugar Creek ch 3 00	
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Pittston ch 10; Newton ch 5 15 00	
<i>Pb of Madison</i> —Madison 1st ch 26 00	
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Plymouth 1st ch 6 40	
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Bound Brook ch 20 00	
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Sing Sing ch 100 00	
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Belvidere ch 50; Newton 1st ch 61 111 00	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Robert Case Clark, Esq, of Phila, 100; C Macalaster 2d Pres ch Phila, 100; Friends in Illinois 100; Bequest of David Hoge, Sr, dec'd, Steubenville, O 823 35; James Boughton, Esq, Carlisle, N Y 5; "M E D," 5; F Donley Long, Esq, 5; "M F E," 5; J S Birchard, Esq, Birchardsville 1 25; "St Lux" 50; "F W M" 5, and her children 2 50; John Lee, Medina, O, 30; G W Farrington, Esq, St Paul, Minn 20 1254 10

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BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. I. COE.

Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo.

Fiscal year closes April 1, 1868.

A SUGGESTION.—Decide what you want before you begin to build. Time and labour will be required to do this, but no expenditure of time and labour will be found more profitable. Houseless churches suffering under great inconveniences are apt to rush into church erection without the careful consideration essential to the highest success. A knowledge of what may be relied on from the field, is generally necessary to a wise conclusion in reference to the proposed sanctuary. Look very carefully over the whole ground, and, in view of all the facts, decide beforehand precisely what you can have. To do this wisely, you will need full working plans and specifications from a competent architect, and the money spent for them is usually the best spent money in the whole outlay. Discuss the matter fully with your architect beforehand. Give him all the suggestions you please, but when he has done his work, unless in very exceptional cases, take it as he has prepared it.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN DECEMBER 1867, AND JANUARY 1868.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Albany 3d ch 32 75; West Galway ch 6; Schenectady, special 62 13; Ballston Centre ch 8 75; Albany 1st ch, special 1642 50; Saratoga Springs Sab-sch, special, 22 67 1,774 80	<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Zion ch 2 05; Freeport 2d ch 15 17 05
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Waterford ch 35 00	<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Malden ch 7 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Academia ch, special 206; Bethesda ch 17 25; Oak Grove ch 2 35; Middle Creek ch 4 25 229 85	<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —El Paso ch 5; Galloway ch 5 10 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Sharpsburg ch 26 14	<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Manteno ch 18 73
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Allegheny 1st ch, special, 119; Allegheny Central ch, special 58 37 177 37	<i>Pby of New York</i> —Chelsea ch 30; Palisades ch 13 53; Jersey City 1st ch 75 20 118 75
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Rush Creek and Bethel chs 28 00	<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Scotch ch, N Y (1200, spec'l) 1522; Sing Sing ch 100; Westminster ch, Yorkers 13 1640 00
<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Athens ch 10 00	<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Rye ch 60 25; Croton Falls ch 5; South East ch 5 70 25
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Jeromeville ch 7 13; Berlin ch 9 16 13	<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Ross St ch, Brooklyn 42 80; Throop Ave ch 22 57 65 37
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Waterford ch 3 23; Olivesburg ch 11 14 23	<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Huntington 1st ch 15 20; Southampton ch 23 09 38 29
<i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —Olathe ch 8 00	<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Doe Run ch 6 83; New London ch, from M N C 5; Fagg's Manor ch 20 60 32 43
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Vermillion ch 3; Farmington ch 2 5 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Neshaminy ch 20; Allen Township ch 15; Chestnut Hill ch 105 140 00
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Rochester ch 20; Freemont ch 5 25 00	<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Altoona ch 60; Milroy ch 30 50 90 50
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Pittsburgh 1st ch, special 706; Pittsburgh 6th ch, special 85 50; Pittsburgh Central ch, special 144 35; Long Island ch 5 940 85	<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Darnestown ch 8 61; N Y Ave ch, Washington, add'l 3 50 12 12
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —New Alexandria ch 15 60; Unity ch 10 25 60	<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Marietta ch 10 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Uniontown ch 68; Laurel Hill ch 15 02 83 02	<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Gettysburg ch Sab-sch 4 20
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Slippery Rock Sab-sch 1 63; Middlesex ch 10 11 63	<i>Pby of Lake</i> —Goshen ch 14 00
<i>Pby of SW Missouri</i> —Calvary ch, Springfield, 22 40	<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Belfast ch 1 45; Hillsboro ch 39 82 41 27
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Robinsonville ch 11 15; Fond du Lac ch Sab-sch 10 21 15	<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Rehoboth ch 5 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Rockville Ger ch 3 50	<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Peoria 2d ch 85 60
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Amwell 2d ch 10 74	<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Malaka ch 7 50
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Mahanoy City ch 19 91; Newton 5 56; Scranton Ger ch 3 28 47	<i>Pby of Orford</i> —Hamilton ch, add'l 2 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Bridgeton 2d ch 11 00	<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Sherrill's Mount ch 6 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Titusville ch 15 73; Bound Brook ch, special 275 290 73	<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Chequest ch 3 40
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Newark 3d ch 36 25; Paterson 1st ch, special 245; Mt Olivet ch 5 286 25	<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Moscow ch 4 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Belvidere ch 30; Newton ch 74; Blairstown ch 19 123 00	<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Meadville ch 30 00
<i>Pby of Corisco</i> —Evangasimba ch 3 50	<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Bardolph ch 4 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Monroeton ch 4 09	<i>Pby of North River</i> —Kingston 1st ch 7 05
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Ridge ch 16 73; Centre Unity ch, Hanna Fund 243 83 290 66	<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Emanuel Ger ch 10 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Canfield ch 9; Pleasant Valley ch 4; Rehoboth ch 6 25 19 25	<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati 7th ch 83 74; Somerset ch 5 88 74
	<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Mt Carmel ch 1 00
	MISCELLANEOUS.—Friends in Ill 200; J L New York, special 200; Rev W J McCord, Wassaic, N Y 2; Miss E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5 407 00
	Total receipts for Dec. and Jan'y, 1867, \$7,485 92
	DAVID KEITH, Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,

AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Albany 3d ch 32 75; West Galway ch 12	\$14 75	<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Perryville ch 46 25; Altoona ch 50	96 25
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Slate Lick ch	16 04	<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Newark 1st ch 18 17; Mrs A C Kerr 20	38 17
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Allegheny City 1st ch 114 28; Bridgewater ch 66 51	180 79	<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Lycoming ch	11 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Meadville ch 25; Cool Spring ch 8; Salein ch 5; Franklin ch 20	58 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Fourth ch 30; Fifteenth ch 13 94; West Spruce St ch 163 45; Sab-sch of do 25; Mrs Mary S Patterson 2	234 39
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Broadway ch Sab-sch 10; Harmony ch 27	37 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —A member of 2d ch	50 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Upper Path Valley ch 30; Lower Path Valley ch 18 50; Burnt Cabins ch 8; Big Spring ch 57 40	113 90	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Easton 1st ch 72; Frankford ch 45; Huntington Valley ch 9	126 00
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Moscow ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Long Island ch	2 50
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Millersburg ch	10 00	<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Spring Hill Furnace ch	5 29
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Concord ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Cherrytree ch	4 70
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Dayton 3d ch	30 00	<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Lansing ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Bethel ch 9; Hamilton ch, bal, 11 50	20 50	<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Freemont ch 2; Rochester ch 5	7 00
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Heyworth ch 9; Galloway ch 5	14 00	<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —Ottawa ci.	5 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Indianapolis 1st ch	35 00	<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Bennington ch	7 25
<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Sugar Creek ch	3 00	<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Westminster ch	20 00
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —St Louis 2d ch	178 60	<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Pleasant Valley ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Tuckerton ch	4 50		\$1,909 14
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Pennington ch 25; Trenton 2d ch 11 16	36 16	"E W" of Saltsburg Presbytery	200 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Westfield ch 23; Elizabeth 1st ch 107 99; Metuchen 1st ch 13 40	144 39	Friends in Illinois	100 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Scranton Ger ch 2; Pittston ch 25; Newton ch 5 10	32 10	James Boughton of Carlisle, N Y	2 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Belvidere ch	30 00	Rev W J McCord of Wassaic, N Y	2 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Chatham ch, add'l 10; Elizabeth ch 72	82 00	Rev A B Gilliland	5 00
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Clinton ch	8 97	Family of Rev D M, Kilburn, Wis	1 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —May's Landing ch 5 22; Tuckahoe ch 1; Cedarville 1st ch 25; Blackwoodtown ch, add'l 2	33 22	A minister's wife	10 00
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Monticello ch 25 67; Middletown 2d ch 36	61 67	Mrs T C Perry	10 00
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Bridge Hampton ch 18; West Hampton ch 5; Huntington 1st ch 22	45 00	F Donleavy Long, A M, Jersey Shore, Pa	5 00
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Westminster ch	32 00	Through <i>New York Observer</i>	5 00
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Swan ch 7; Hopewell ch 5; Albion ch 5	17 00	Interest on Permanent Funds	272 33
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Mount Eaton ch 6; Berlin ch 6	12 00		\$2,521 47
<i>Pby of Benicia</i> —Benicia ch	5 00		

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly

Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, February 5th, 1867.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

The rule of the Assembly which requires that Presbyteries needing relief for any of their members should renew their applications every year, is important. It preserves the Committee from vexatious mistakes which would inevitably happen without it. Changes in the condition of many of the recipients are occurring from year to year, which call for corresponding changes in the action of the Committee. In some cases, a larger sum is needed than was asked the prior year, in others less, or perhaps nothing at all. Within the last year, two on our list have had such assistance from other sources, that they require no appropriation from the fund. Four have been removed by death. Changes of this sort are taking place every year, and yet no instance is recollected in which the Committee have received official notice of them; and the usual remittance would have been sent, but for the omission of the Presbytery to ask it.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*, DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 WM. MAIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Alexander Cameron, Treasurer.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of this beloved and efficient co-labourer in the gospel. For a number of years he had been suffering the steady approaches of the disease of which he died. Four months ago he was confined to his house by a cough attended by prostration of his strength, which soon gave unmistakable evidence that his lungs were diseased. With the meekness of a true Christian, and the gentleness of a child, he submitted without a murmur to the ordering of God. As the end of life approached he "set his house in order," with the calmness of method which had distinguished him all his life, and on Tuesday, February 4th, in the early morning, he gently fell "asleep in Jesus."

Mr. Cameron was born near to Inverness, Scotland, on the 12th of November, 1814. At the age of sixteen he emigrated with his parents to the United States, and settled in Allegheny, Pa., and four years afterwards made a profession of religion and united with the First Church of Allegheny City. His membership in this church continued through life. For thirty-four years his home was in this house of God. For seven years of this time he served the church as Deacon, and during twenty years he served it as an acceptable Ruling Elder. A thorough Presbyterian, of catholic spirit, his life was devoted to the interests of the cause of Christ in the church of his fathers. He was an intelligent and active member of all the different church courts, and through life interested himself in all the benevolent schemes of the church. He was a member of the last General Assembly, and gave his most earnest and prayerful efforts to the work of arousing his brethren in the eldership to a greater devotion to the Master's work. And upon his return from that assembly, he accompanied his pastor in the visitation of every family of the church.

In May of 1866, he bore the Christian salutations of our General Assembly to the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland. He was identified most heartily with the Assembly's Committee on Freedmen from its organization, and gave much of his time to the details of its work. The following record was made by the Executive Committee at the regular meeting February 10th, viz., "Mr. Cameron at the time of the organization of the Committee on Freedmen was elected Treasurer, and with great zeal and fidelity he discharged the duties of his office so long as his health and strength permitted. For his services during the first year he declined any compensation. At all times his interest in the work among the Freedmen was deep and earnest, and his faith in the success of that work unflinching. He was a wise counsellor, comprehensive in his views, and remarkably clear in his judgment as to details. But three days before his departure he manifested his usual interest in the work of the Committee. By his death, the Committee has lost a most valuable co-labourer, but has a rich legacy in the record of his beautifully consistent life and in the precious example he has left us, 'Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth.'"

DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., a ruling elder of the first church Pittsburg, has been elected Treasurer of the Committee on Freedmen, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Alexander Cameron. Will churches note this fact, and send contributions to D. ROBINSON, Esq., Box 224, Pittsburg, Pa.

Facts for Doubters.

Rev. S. S. Markland sends to the Committee a statistical report of his labours and success for the year ending January 31st, which gives us grounds for thanksgiving to God, and which ought to encourage the church to renewed exertion for the evangelization of the Freedmen. Father M. was for ten years a missionary

among the Freedmen of Demarara, and since his residence in this country, has laboured almost entirely in the southern field. If any peculiar qualifications are required to fit a minister to preach the gospel to the Freedmen, and these qualifications are only to be acquired by a southern residence, charity warrants us in the conclusion that this missionary is in his place. Although bearing the burden of more than threescore years, he has during the year included in his pastorate eight churches. Some of these churches twenty-five miles from his residence, and with the assistance of one catechist and the elders of his churches, he has not only sustained public services in all, but Sabbath-schools and prayer meetings in most of them. He has received one hundred and twenty-one members, twenty-five by baptism, eighty by examination, and now has a membership of three hundred and fifty-one. He reports but two cases of discipline, thirty-six infant baptisms, and has four hundred and eighty children in Sabbath-schools.

All of his churches have secured lots for houses of worship with room for a parsonage. Four of them have already either bought or built churches in which they are now worshipping. The remaining four are engaged in building with the hope that they will be able to occupy by the first of April. He hopes within the next year to have a day-school in each of these congregations sustained by the people and taught by the students from Biddle Institute.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN JANUARY, 1868.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Saratoga ch Infant Sab-sch	\$4 00	zens of New Castle 68; Moundsville, W V 19 50;	
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —First ch Allegheny 123 28;		Citizens of Wheeling 23; Niles, Mich 91; Cit-	
Perryssville ch 7 50	130 78	izens of Cincinnati, Ohio 35; Wisconsin 2; J M,	
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Westfield ch	45 00	of Carlisle, Pa 1; Wm Proctor, special 100;	
<i>Pby of Benicia</i> —Vallejo ch,	10 00	Samuel Leeson, Allegheny 5; R G Scott, East	
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Congruity ch 17; Blairsville		Springfield 5; G W Gohin, Gohinsville 20; J S	
ch 36 15	53 15	Cratty, Belair, Ohio 3; H H Houston, Circleville	
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Lexington ch 5; Mackinaw		2 50; J S Clark, Belle Centre 6 50; E W, Salts-	
ch 3 75	8 75	burg, Pa 300	1,735 97
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —London ch	10 00	<i>Received at Philadelphia.</i>	
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —First Pres ch Sab-sch, (special		<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Carlisle ch 4; Esperance ch 6 07	
20) 45; 5th Pres ch, R Brown, special 50	95 00		10 07
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Harrisburg ch	96 00	<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Galloway ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Caledonia ch 6; Sheldon ch 5		<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Big Spring ch	19 97
	11 00	<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Pittston ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Richland Centre ch 2; Fancy Creek		<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —First ch, Huntington	19 15
ch 2; Richland City ch 2	6 00	<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Manchester ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Meadville ch 30; Mill Creek ch 5		<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —First ch, Newark 5 50; Octo-	
	35 00	rara ch 28	33 50
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —First ch Fort Wayne	7 50	<i>Pby of North River</i> —Kingston ch	9 43
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Hillsboro ch	5 75	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Central ch	30 09
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Lexington ch	18 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Newtown ch, add'l	1 39
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Plymouth 1st ch	6 00	<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Clifton ch	32 65	<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Kilburn City ch	7 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Second ch, Brooklyn	35 20	MISCELLANEOUS.	
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Westminster ch	17 25	A B 5; Jas F Gayley, M D 5; Family of Rev D M,	
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Venice ch	12 70	Kilburn City, 3; F D Long, A M, Jersey Shore	
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Second ch, Pittsburgh	127 31	3	16 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Rehoboth ch 27 25, Sab-sch 6 81		Total receipts in January,	\$3,035 47
	34 06	<i>D. ROBINSON, Treasurer.</i>	
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Bethel ch 20; Jackson ch 10;			
Gilgal ch 6 50; Harmony ch 8 50	45 00		
<i>Pby of San Francisco</i> —Calvary ch 100, gold, net	139 00		
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —New Hagerstown ch 10; Co-			
rinth ch 10; New Philadelphia ch 9	29 00		
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 10; Mar-			
tinsville ch, special 10	20 00		
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Wellsburg ch	6 29		
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Mt Eaton ch 7; Berlin ch 6			
	13 00		
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Beaver Dam ch	5 00		
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Greenwich ch	15 60		
<i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Northfield ch	7 00		
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Mt Carmel ch	6 50		
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —McConnellsville ch Sab-sch,			
special	25 00		
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Mechanicsville ch, J A McKee	17 50		

MISCELLANEOUS.

Office Rent 39 22; Miss McMullen, special 3; Friends in Ill 100; Rev J Dale, Fairburg 2; W Pa 5; Anonymous, Indianapolis 2; Mrs J Frank, Chippewa 10; Robert Beer, Pittsburgh 10; Mrs J Ewing, Pittsburgh 5; Special for Quindaro, from col'd citizens of Quindaro 687; Citizens of Warren 157; Citizens of Hubbard 34 25; Citi-

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the following donations:—

1 box clothing from the Old and New School chs of Wabash, Indiana. Not valued.
 1 box clothing from Iberia, Ohio. Not valued.
 1 box clothing from Mrs. G. S. Bates, Arsenal, Pittsburgh, \$53 00.
 1 barrel with freight from J. P. Reed, Mercer, Pa. Not valued.
 2 barrels clothing from Park ch, Erie, Pa., \$138 76.
 1 box clothing from Lutheran ch in Philadelphia, and 1 package from a friend in New York, \$150 00.
 From Miss M. Le Moine for Sumter school \$14 00.
 100 copies of "Worship in the School Room," from Neshannock Old School Pres Sabbath-sch near Wilmington, Pa., for Ebenezer chapel.
 1 box clothing from Ladies Aid, New Castle Pa. Not valued.
 1 box clothing from Burlington, N. J. Not valued.

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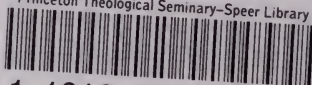
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